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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CIVAIR - BILATERAL RELATIONS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1756 AND STATE 43665

1. DEPT AND CAB HAVE HEARD THAT ARGENTINE AIRLINES (AR) PLANS TO INCREASE PRESENT LEVEL OF WEEKLY ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS FROM 13 TO 16 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVES EXPECT SOON FILE WITH CAB AMENDED SCHEDULES TO REFLECT THIS INCREASE.

2. ARGENTINE AIRLINES (AR) REP HAS ASKED BRANIFF REP IN BUENOS AIRES WHAT US REACTION MIGHT BE TO THIS PROPOSAL. BRANIFF REP HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TELL AR 1) THAT SO LONG AS GOA FAILS TO TAKE FAVORABLE ACTION ON LONG PENDING REQUESTS FOR CAPACITY INCREASES SUBMITTED BY US CARRIERS IT SHOULD NOT EXPECT USG TO TAKE EITHER PROMPT OR FAVORABLE ACTION ON THE AR PROPOSAL AND 2) PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF US CARRIERS' PLANS BY GOA WOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED WITH A VIEW TO EVALUATING POSSIBILITY OF PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION ON OUR PART.

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3. THIS POSITION HAS ALSO BEEN CONVEYED TO HUERGO OF

ARGENTINE EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHO CALLED DEPT TO INQUIRE WHETHER AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT A "NO INNOVATION" POLICY WAS IN EFFECT. HE WAS

TOLD THAT IN OUR VIEW NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON A "NO INNOVATION" POLICY AND IN FACT, EACH SIDE HAD SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT, EACH SIDE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES SEEMED APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY.

4. DEPT HOPES THAT WITH EMBASSY HELP AND A PUSH FROM AR DNTAC CAN BE PERSUADED THAT IT WOULD BE IN GOA INTEREST TO AUTHORIZE NOW THE TWO ADDITIONAL WEEKLY SERVICES WHICH THE US CARRIERS HAD PLANNED, PER THE DECEMBER 1972 MEMO, TO INTRODUCE LAST JULY. CURRENT CARRIER PLANS ARE TO INTRODUCE THEIR INCREASES APRIL 22. THIS ACTION, PLUS THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE 10TH FREQUENCY FOR PAN AM IN OCTOBER 1974, WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR RECIPROCAL ACTION BY THE USG ON THE AR PROPOSALS. CARRIERS OF EACH SIDE WOULD THUS BE ABLE TO INCREASE ROUND TRIP FREQUENCIES BY THREE PER WEEK AND WAY WOULD BE OPEN FOR FURTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL MODIFICATIONS. KISSINGER

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